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SUBJ: NARCOTICS CONTROL BUDGET - ARGENTINA

REF: A. STATE 071869; B. BA 4277

- 1. IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH POLICE AND GENDARMERIA RE
 TERMS OF THE PROAGS, SENIOR OFFICIALS THESE UNITS HAD
 TROUBLE WITH INCLUSION REQUIREMENT LANGUAGE THAT GOA AGENCIES
 WILL FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR PARTICIPANTS TRAINING IN
 US. ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED END OF LAST WEEK.
- 2. FOR REASONS GIVEN REF (B) EMBASSY WILL NOT APPROACH GOA ON PROAGS PENDING WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS. GIVEN SHORTNESS OF TIME REMAINING FY 74, AND ASSUMING AUTHORIZATION GIVEN PROCEED WITH PROAGS, EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR RECOMMENDS DELETION ANY LANGUAGE CONCERNING PARTICIPANT TRAINING TRAVEL TO US.
- 3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOA ENTITIES ALWASY HARDPRESSED TO LOCATE FUNDS FOR SUCH TRAVEL. TO TRY TO INCLUDE SUCH A COMMITMENT IN THE PROAGS WOULD MEAN THAT DECISION TO SIGN WOULD REACH UPPER LEVELS ARGENTINE ADMINISTRATION--WITH RESULTANT TIME LAG.
- 4. PARTICIPANT TRAINING IN THE US PERHAPS THE LEAST IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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SEGMENT OF THE TWO AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY WILL, ON A CASE BY CASE

BASIS, PUSH THE GOA TO ABSORB SUCH COSTS IN FY75. HOWEVER, TO INSIST ON INCLUSION IN PENDING PROAGS, IN LIGHT OF THE COMPLICATIONS POSED REF (B) COULD (ASSUMING WE CAN PROCEED) SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE POSSIBILITY REACHING AGREEMENT.

ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY REQUESTS NEW INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE INCLUSION LANGUAGE ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN PENDING PROAGS.

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